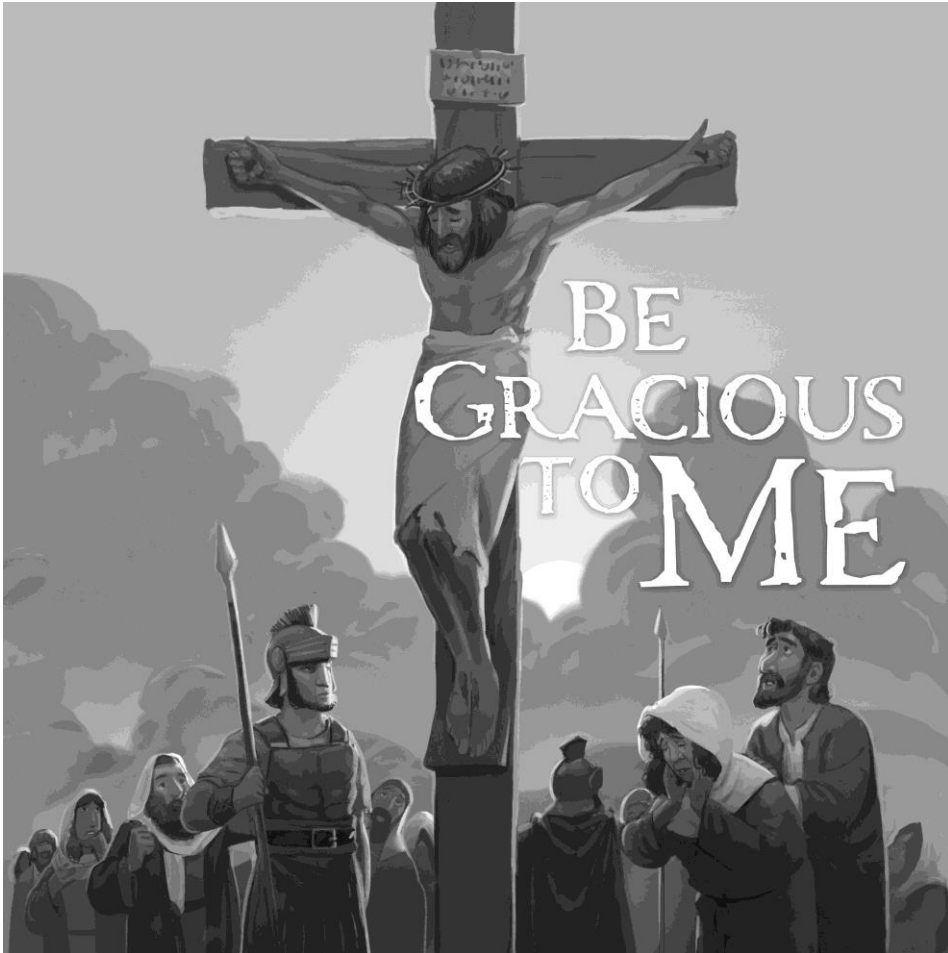


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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Vindication

In Psalm 41:7–8, David lamented, “All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, ‘A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.’” These words pointed forward to our Lord Jesus Christ, who rose again in defiance of His enemies. Do you have enemies who whisper and scheme against you? Have you been brought low—perhaps so low that you despair of ever rising again? Jesus was vindicated in His resurrection, and you shall be too. You can have certainty in your resurrection and vindication because Jesus Christ is risen.

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March 20, 2024

Lent Midweek 5

Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen

Robert Hamrick, Organist

Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor

	1 PM	7 PM
Elders	Paul Mincer	David White
Lector	Barbara Volk	Linda Licht
Ushers	Bill Kruse	
	Leah Ryel	
Greeter	Nona Schmook	
Altar Guild		

Serving Holy Thursday March 28

Elders	Paul Mincer
	Daivd White
Lector	Wendy White
Ushers	Bill Kruse
	Leah Ryel
Greeter	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	



We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. **To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahcms@gmail.com.**

Order of Vespers

Prelude

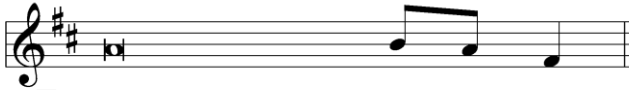
My Song Is Love Unknown

Andrew Wright

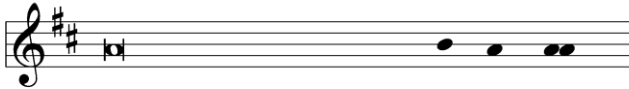
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Hymn Study

Hymn Introduction

- P** In the closing stanza of “My Song Is Love Unknown,” a special title is given for Jesus, whose ministry and suffering and sacrifice have been described in the preceding stanzas. The author confidently calls Jesus, who offers himself to suffer and die in our place, “my friend.” In the Upper Room on the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:13–14). Jesus, our greatest friend, commands us to love one another, that his love may be seen in us. The “sweet praise” we sing reflects on the deep and amazing love that He would show to us by His Passion.

Hymn

430 My Song Is Love Unknown *sts. 1, 7*

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -
me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

Call to Confession

P Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness.

Hymn

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be *sts. 1, 5*

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Absolution

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
C Amen.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray... O God who gives strength to the weak and light to those who are in darkness, grant us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that through Him we may know You more completely. Assure us that all things are made to work for our good through our Savior, Jesus Christ, so that we may with hopeful hearts await the glory of His kingdom of eternal grace. With boldness and confidence, we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 9:1–10 Tone D



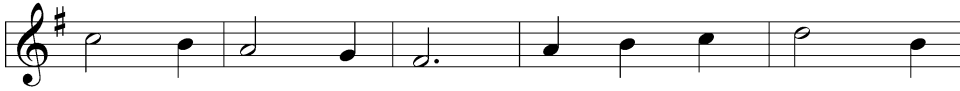
- ¹I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;*
I will recount all of your won- | derful deeds.
- ²**I will be glad and ex- | ult in you;***
I will sing praise to your name, | O Most High.
- ³When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before your | presence.
- ⁴**For you have maintained my | just cause;***
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous | judgment.
- ⁵You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked | perish;*
you have blotted out their name forever and | ever.
- ⁶**The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you | rooted out;***
the very memory of them has | perished.
- ⁷But the LORD sits enthroned for- | ever;*
he has established his throne for | justice,
- ⁸**and he judges the world with | righteousness;***
he judges the peoples with up- | rightness.
- ⁹The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.
- ¹⁰**And those who know your name put their | trust in you,***
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

Hymn

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 9:12–16

P The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, the ninth chapter.

¹²Who is the man so wise that he can understand this? To whom has the mouth of the LORD spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? ¹³And the LORD says: "Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it, ¹⁴but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them. ¹⁵Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed this people with bitter food, and give them poisonous water to drink. ¹⁶I will scatter them among the nations whom neither they nor their fathers have known, and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:1–9

P The Epistle is from Second Timothy, the third chapter.

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

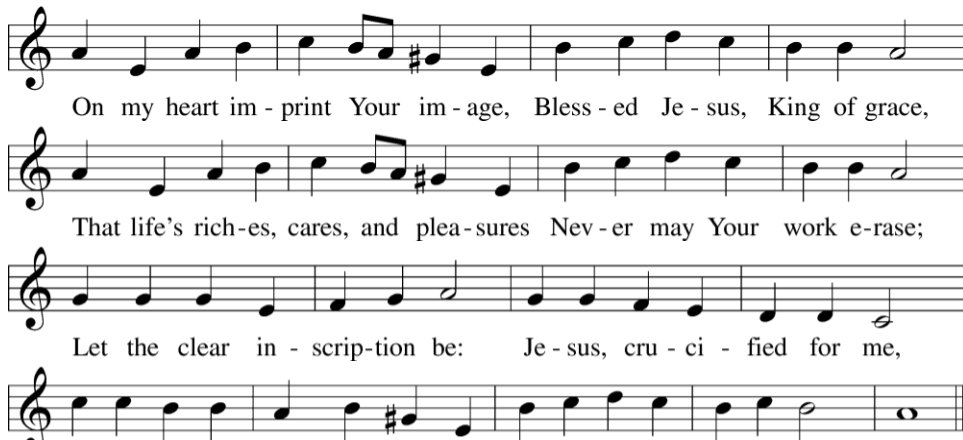
⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1–5

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.

⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory (Lent)



L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Hymn

428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man - on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Canticle

927 First Song of Isaiah

The Congregation sings the refrain. The Cantor or Pastor chants the verse.

Refrain

The LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Chant Tone

- ¹I will give thanks to You, | O LORD,*
for though You were angry | with me,
²Your anger | turned away,*
that You might | comfort me.
³Behold, God is my sal- | vation;*
I will trust, and will not | be afraid;
⁴for the LORD GOD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal- | vation.

Refrain

- ⁵With joy you will draw | water*
from the wells of sal- | vation.
⁶Give thanks | to the LORD,*
call up- | on His name,
⁷make known His deeds among the | peoples,*
proclaim that His name is ex- | alted.

Refrain

- ⁸Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done | gloriously,*
let this be made known in | all the earth.
⁹Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of | Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy One of | Israel.

Refrain

Sit

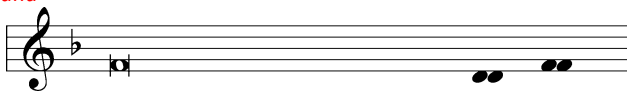
Offering

Not All the Blood of Beasts

J. Bert Carlson

Prayer

Stand



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Kyrie

LSB 233



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 257

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collects



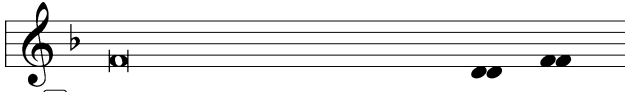
L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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